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112. A method according to claim 108, wherein the outputting step outputs at least one of a mirror reflectance control signal, a vehicle lights control signal, and a vehicle intruder control signal.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 93-112 are pending in the application.  
Claims 93, 100, and 108 are independent.

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for a new declaration. The declaration was filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, and was previously filed and accepted in prior application No. 08/478,093. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that their residences are the same as their post office addresses.

A new Abstract has been provided, as suggested.

The cancellation of Claims 1-80 92 moots the rejections set forth at pages 3-8 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the newly-added claims are fully patentable over the cited art since none of that art discloses or suggests structure or function whereby an

imaging device captures an image of the front seat of the vehicle and outputs image data corresponding thereto; in combination with a processor which receives the image data, compares the image data with stored image data, and outputs a vehicle control signal based on a comparison. As noted by the Examiner, Hegyi discloses a system for sensing light levels in a forward field of view, and not in a vehicle front seat.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and a notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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